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### **Identical letters dated 12 January 2021 from the Permanent Representative of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council**

On instructions from my Government and further to our previous letters concerning the ongoing violation by Israel of international law, the principles and purposes of the Charter of the United Nations and internationally binding resolutions, as well as the occupying authorities' unrelenting hostile colonial activities, which are aimed at perpetuating the Israeli occupation of the Syrian Golan, I should like to convey to you the following information.

The occupying Israeli authorities have begun to erect new temporary buildings in the Trump Heights settlement, which is being built on the site of the demolished Syrian village of Qan'abah in the occupied Syrian Golan. The committee responsible for settlements announced that a fresh batch of temporary homes had arrived to house the 20 new Israeli settler families that had been accepted to live in the settlement. Those 20 families are part of a group of 300 families who have filed applications to move to the settlement in the coming years. Those families will be given plots of land on which to build permanent homes in the settlement, at a cost of up to 300,000 shekels. The families comprise religious and secular persons and mixed couples from various Israeli towns.

Following the decision of the Israeli Government to establish the Trump Heights settlement, the Israeli regional settlement council, in cooperation with the settlement unit of the Zionist Agency, began to put in place the infrastructure and social amenities in the settlement that are needed to receive those 20 families in months of December 2020 and January 2021. That move is part of the effort to expand settlements in the occupied Syrian Golan that are built on the ruins of the Syrian villages that were destroyed by the occupying Israeli authorities, with a view to removing any trace of a Syrian presence or Syrian villages. However, there are still hundreds of relics of the villages and farms that the Israeli occupiers destroyed in their effort to obliterate the identity of the Syrian Golan, which will never be defeated because its people will continue to steadfastly resist the enemy with the support of their motherland, Syria.

In a related development, the occupying Israeli authorities are pressing ahead with their project to erect wind turbines in order to generate electricity for settlements in the occupied Golan. The construction of those wind turbines means that the local population must be displaced and the land of the Syrian citizens of the occupied Golan must be confiscated. The Syrian citizens living under occupation have resisted this ominous project, and have mounted a large-scale popular movement, to which the



occupying forces have responded with unprecedented violence, leading to the arrest and injury of several persons. Following is a list of those who were injured or detained as a result of the clashes between the people of the occupied Syrian Golan and the occupying Israeli forces:

Sheikh Mi'dad Tawfiq Kinj Abu Salih, Sheikh Baha', Salim Abu Jabal, Sheikh Hadi Awwad, Sheikh Tahir Amashah, Sheikh Hasan Shams, Sheikh Makram Khanjar, Sheikh Wisam Ayyub, Sheikh Jamud Uwaydat, Sheikh Hamad al-Ghutani, Sheikh Mayal Abu Aql, Sheikh Ala' Shams, Sheikh Majd al-Halabi, Sheikh Hilal Awwad, Sheikh Zia' Awwad, Sheikh Salman Najib Awwad, Jad Burayk Bayan al-Sha'ir, Rayyan Shams, Sabir al-Sha'ir, Ghalib al-Wali, Badi' Mas'ud, Salim al-Khatib, Shahadah Abu Salih, Izzuldin Mas'ud and Safa Mas'ud. Thanks to demonstrations and public pressure, the following detainees were released: Sheikh Nadir Sayyid Ahmad, Firas Uwaydat, Husam Mahmud, Firas Ibrahim, Midhat al-Sha'ir, Nadir al-Sha'ir, Anas Sayyid and Ahmad Taymur Mas'ud.

The Syrian Arab Republic once again calls upon the Security Council to act urgently in order to implement Security Council resolution [497 \(1981\)](#) and compel Israel to cease its illegal settlement policies and oppressive measures against our people in the occupied Syrian Golan and to withdraw from the entire occupied Syrian Golan to the line of 4 June 1967. It reaffirms that the occupied Syrian Golan is an integral part of its territory and that it will use all available means to return every inch of the Golan to the homeland, because its right to do so is eternal and cannot be extinguished by the passage of time. Moreover, the Syrian Arab Republic calls upon the Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process, Mr. Tor Wennesland, to devote due attention to this issue in his briefings to the Council.

I should be grateful if the present letter could be issued as a document of the Security Council.

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